

# BookletChart<sup>TM</sup>

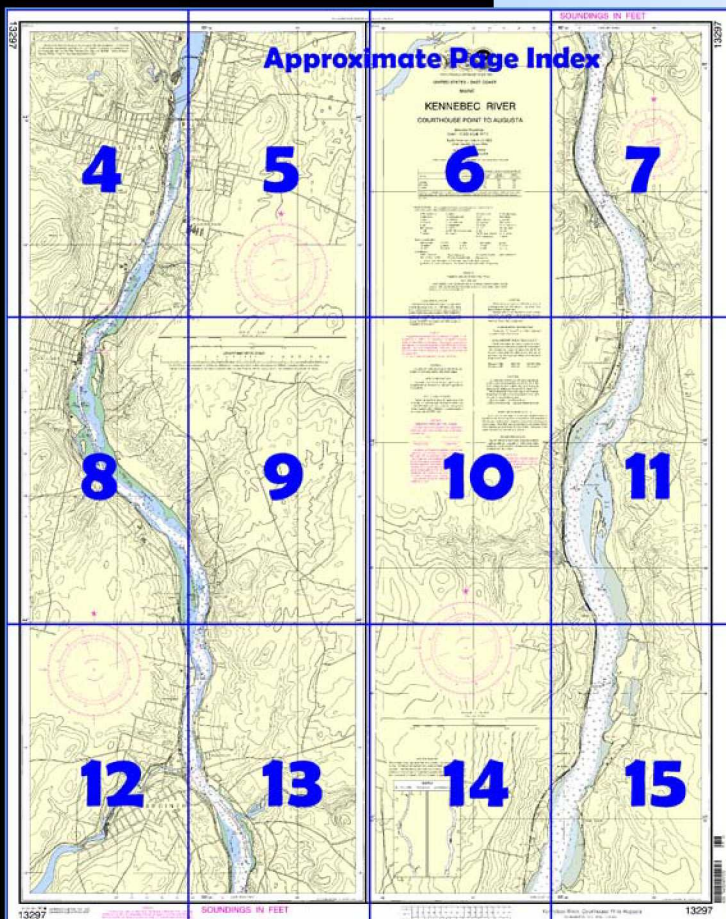
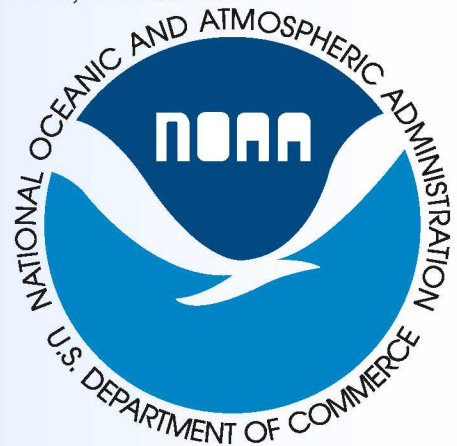
## Kennebec River - Courthouse Point to Augusta

(NOAA Chart 13297)



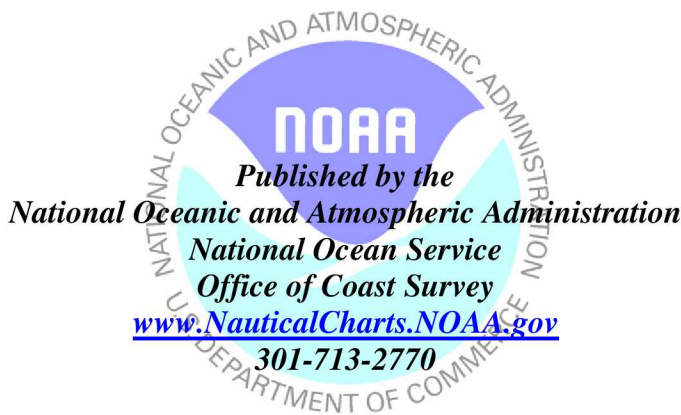
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- ✓ Complete, reduced scale nautical chart
- ✓ Print at home for free
- ✓ Convenient size
- ✓ Up to date with all Notices to Mariners
- ✓ United States Coast Pilot excerpts
- ✓ Compiled by NOAA, the nation's chartmaker.



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### What are Nautical Charts?

Nautical charts are a fundamental tool of marine navigation. They show water depths, obstructions, buoys, other aids to navigation, and much more. The information is shown in a way that promotes safe and efficient navigation. Chart carriage is mandatory on the commercial ships that carry America's commerce. They are also used on every Navy and Coast Guard ship, fishing and passenger vessels, and are widely carried by recreational boaters.

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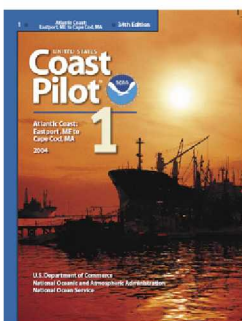
This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

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This BookletChart does NOT fulfill chart carriage requirements for regulated commercial vessels under Titles 33 and 44 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

### Notice to Mariners Correction Status

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#### **[Coast Pilot 1, Chapter 8 excerpts]**

(420) **Cedar Grove** is a small settlement on the east bank of Kennebec River, 2 miles above the north end of Swan Island and 0.6 mile above **Courthouse Point** (44°06.4'N., 69°46.0'W.).

(421) **Hathorn Rock**, covered 8 feet about 1.7 miles north of Courthouse Point, is marked on the east side by a buoy. A rocky area is reported on the west side of the river, about 0.5 mile northward of Hathorn Rock.

(422) **South Gardiner**, about 4.5 miles above

Courthouse Point, is a village on the west side of Kennebec River 30 miles above the entrance. There are several private landings at the village.

(423) **Gardiner**, about 3.5 miles above South Gardiner, is a town on the west side of the river 33.5 miles above the entrance. The town wharf and float landing has 12 feet alongside, but no facilities. A public parking lot

is on the wharf. The old coal wharf just upstream has 15 feet reported alongside, but is seldom used.

(424) **Randolph**, a village on the east side of the river opposite Gardiner, has a wharf with 12 feet alongside and oil connections, but is seldom used. Kennebec Boating Association has a float landing and ramp at the wharf. Ice and provisions are available. A hardware store adjoins the landing, and restaurants are in the vicinity.

(425) A fixed highway bridge with a clearance of 35 feet crosses the river between Gardiner and Randolph just north of the waterfront facilities.

(426) The controlling depth from the bridge at Gardiner to Augusta was 5½ feet in 1963. Seasonal buoys mark the river channel from Gardiner to Augusta.

(427) Ruins of an old pier and power plant are on the west side of Kennebec River just above **Farmingdale**. Rock-filled cribs extend over 100 yards offshore and are marked by a buoy at the eastern end. No attempt should be made by small craft to pass between them and the west bank as the area is extremely foul. The east bank should be favored.

(428) A foul area, reported to be deadheads, is on the west side of the river off Farmingdale, about 0.4 mile northward of the bridge at Gardiner.

(429) At **Browns Island**, about 1.5 miles above Gardiner, the river is crossed by two sets of power cables that have clearances of 140 feet. Log booms extend southwestward and northwestward from the island. They are unmarked and are used to catch drifting pulp logs which are washed over the dams above Augusta by spring floods and freshets. A shoal with a least depth of 3 feet makes out to the north and northwestward of the island.

(430) **Hallowell**, about 3.5 miles above Gardiner, is a town on the west side of the river 37 miles above the entrance. An inactive oil berth with a depth of 10 feet alongside is on **Oil Cloth Point** (44°17.5'N., 69°47.1'W.), about 0.5 mile above Hallowell. A pilot for the river resides at Hallowell; see Pilotage for Kennebec River discussed previously in this chapter.

(431) A pinnacle rock, covered 5 feet, is on the east side of the channel about 500 yards southwestward of the wharf on Oil Cloth Point. It is marked by a buoy on its northwest side. A submerged obstruction, reported in 1965, is in the channel about 300 yards southwestward of the pinnacle rock and about 50 yards offshore.

(432) **Augusta**, the capital of Maine, is at the head of navigation on the Kennebec River 39 miles above the mouth. The city has no waterborne commerce. There is a public float landing on the east bank just above the southernmost bridge with 4 feet reported alongside. The landing is also used by the Augusta Yacht Club; a parking lot is available, but there are no other services.

(433) A private boatyard at the yacht club landing has a marine railway on which members' craft, up to 50 feet in length and 6 feet in draft, can be hauled out for repairs or open winter storage. There is a ramp at the club for launching small boats. There are no service facilities at either landing.

#### **Bridges**

(434) The four bridges at Augusta have fixed spans. The first, U.S. Routes 201–202 highway bridge, has a clearance of 70 feet for a width of 67 feet; the second, a city highway bridge at the upper end of the turning basin, has a clearance of 27 feet. The head of navigation is at this bridge as the river is very shallow above it, and not even small craft venture there. The third bridge, now used only to carry the city water conduits, has a clearance of 23 feet. The Maine Central railroad bridge adjacent to and above the third bridge has a clearance of 23 feet.

(435) The river is obstructed by a dam, 0.3 mile above the railroad bridge.

# Table of Selected Chart Notes

Corrected through NM Nov. 10/07  
Corrected through LNM Oct. 30/07

HEIGHTS

Heights in feet above Mean High Water.

Mercator Projection

Scale 1:15,000 at Lat. 44°13'

North American Datum of 1983  
(World Geodetic System 1984)

SOUNDINGS IN FEET  
AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

WARNING

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POLLUTION REPORTS

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AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from the Corps of Engineers, Geological Survey, and U.S. Coast Guard.

SOURCE DIAGRAM

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ABBREVIATIONS (For complete list of Symbols and Abbreviations, see Chart No. 1.)

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AERO aeronautical

Al alternating

Bn beacon

C can

DIA diaphone

F fixed

Fl flashing

G green

IQ interrupted quick

Iso isophase

LT HO lighthouse

M nautical mile

m minutes

MICRO TR microwave tower

Mkr marker

Mo morse code

N nun

OBSC obscured

Oc occulting

Or orange

Q quick

R red

Ra Ref radar reflector

R Bn radiobeacon

R TR radio tower

Rot rotating

s seconds

SEC sector

St M statute miles

VQ very quick

W white

WHIS whistle

Y yellow

Bottom characteristics:

Bds boulders

bk broken

Cy clay

Co coral

G gravel

Grs grass

gy gray

h hard

M mud

Oys oysters

Rk rock

S sand

so soft

Sh shells

sy sticky

Miscellaneous:

AUTH authorized

ED existence doubtful

(1) Wreck, rock, obstruction, or shoal swept clear to the depth indicated.

(2) Rocks that cover and uncover, with heights in feet above datum of soundings.

Obstn obstruction

PA position approximate

PD position doubtful

Rep reported

Subm submerged

TIDAL INFORMATION

PLACE		Height referred to datum of soundings (MLLW)		
NAME	(LAT/LONG)	Mean Higher High Water	Mean High Water	Mean Low Water
Gardiner	(44°14'N/69°46'W)	feet 5.4	feet 5.2	feet 0.2
Hallowell	(44°17'N/69°47'W)	4.7	4.5	0.2
Augusta	(44°19'N/69°46'W)	4.5	4.2	0.1

Dashes ( - - ) located in datum columns indicate unavailable datum values for a tide station. Real-time water levels, tide predictions, and tidal current predictions are available on the Internet from <http://tidesandcurrents.noaa.gov>. (Oct 2007)



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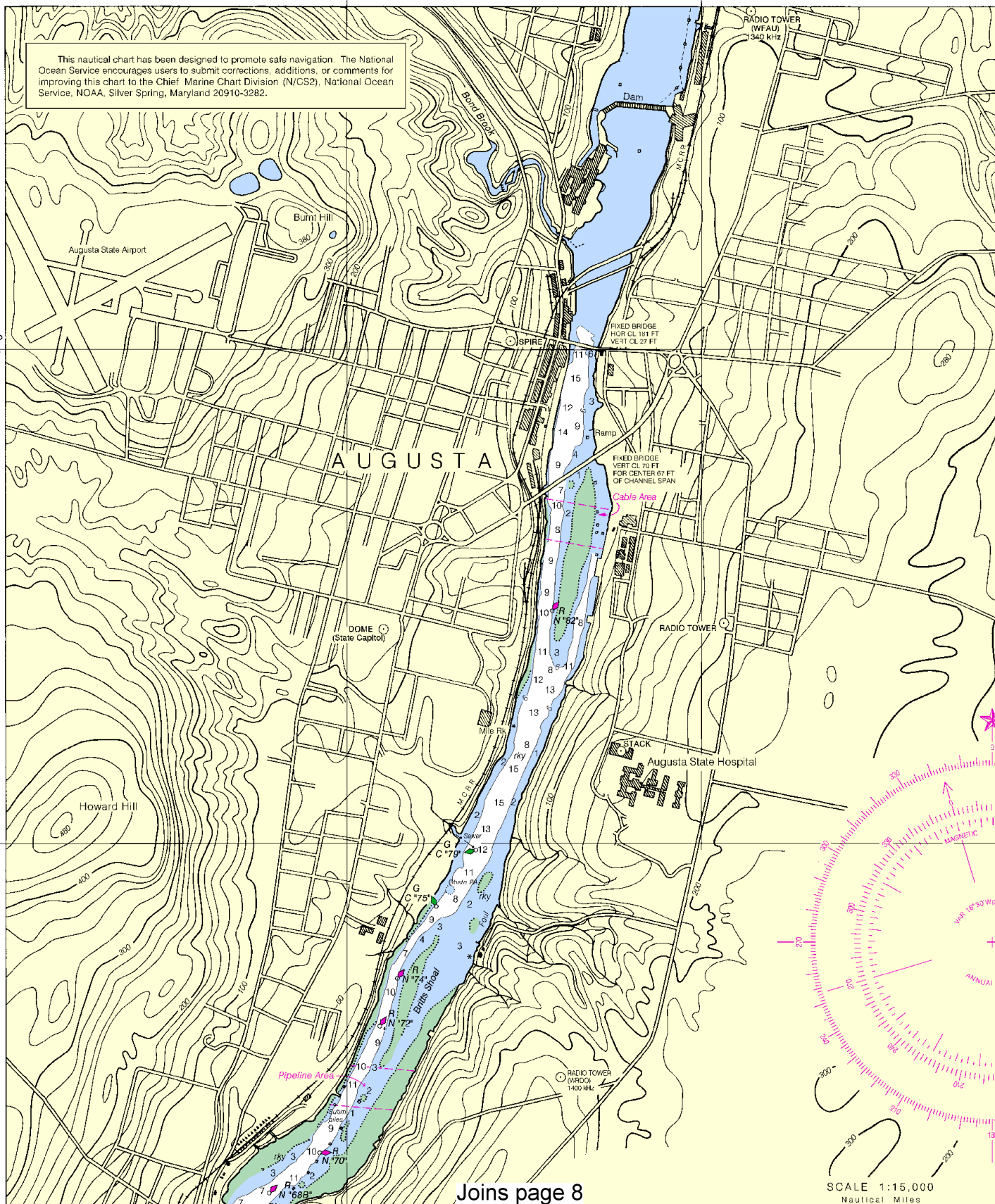
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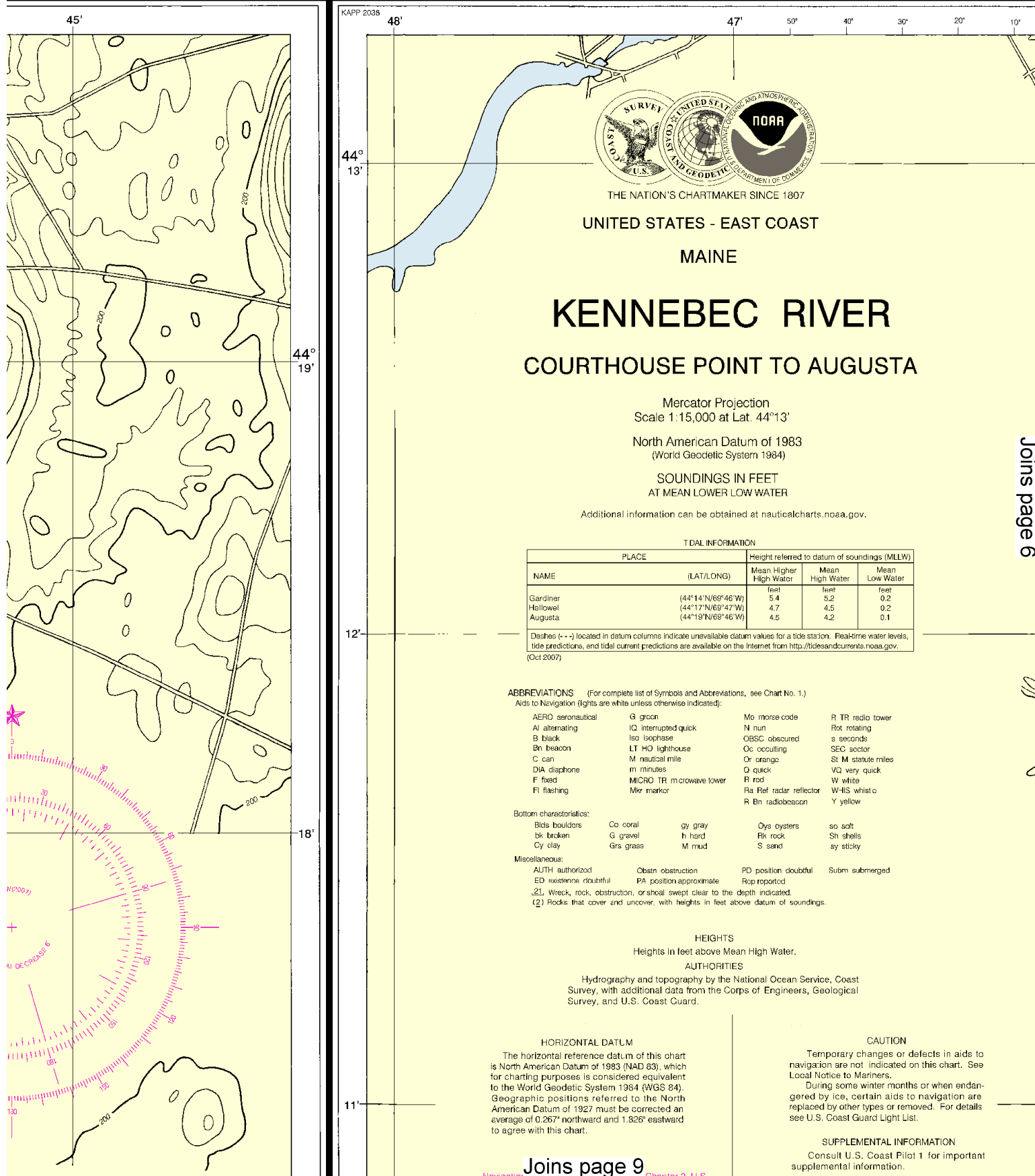
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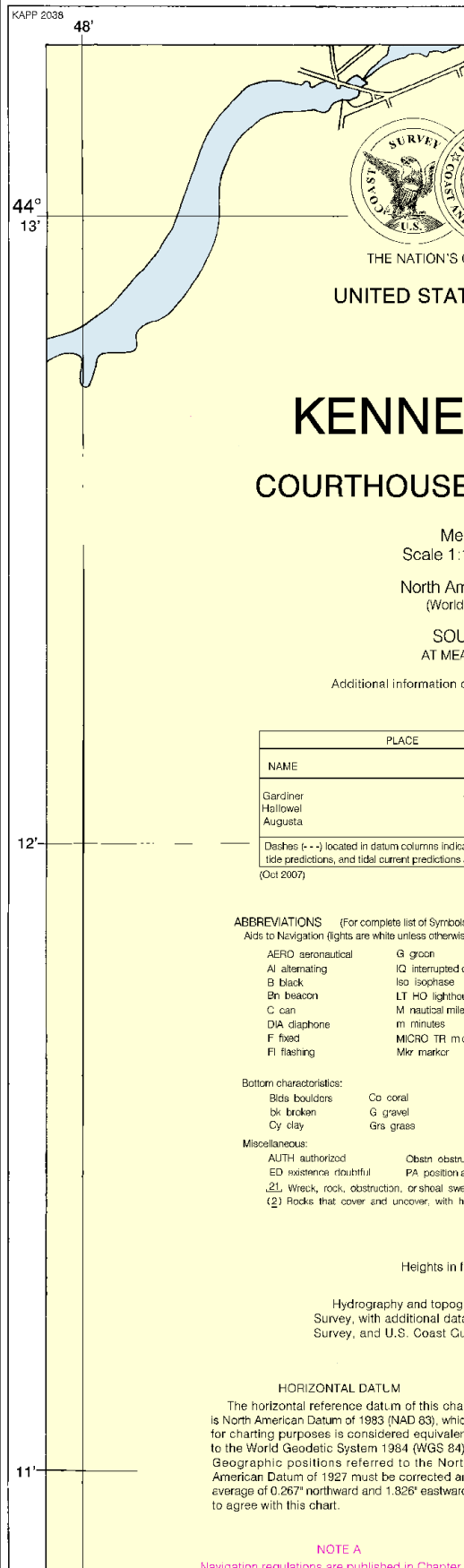
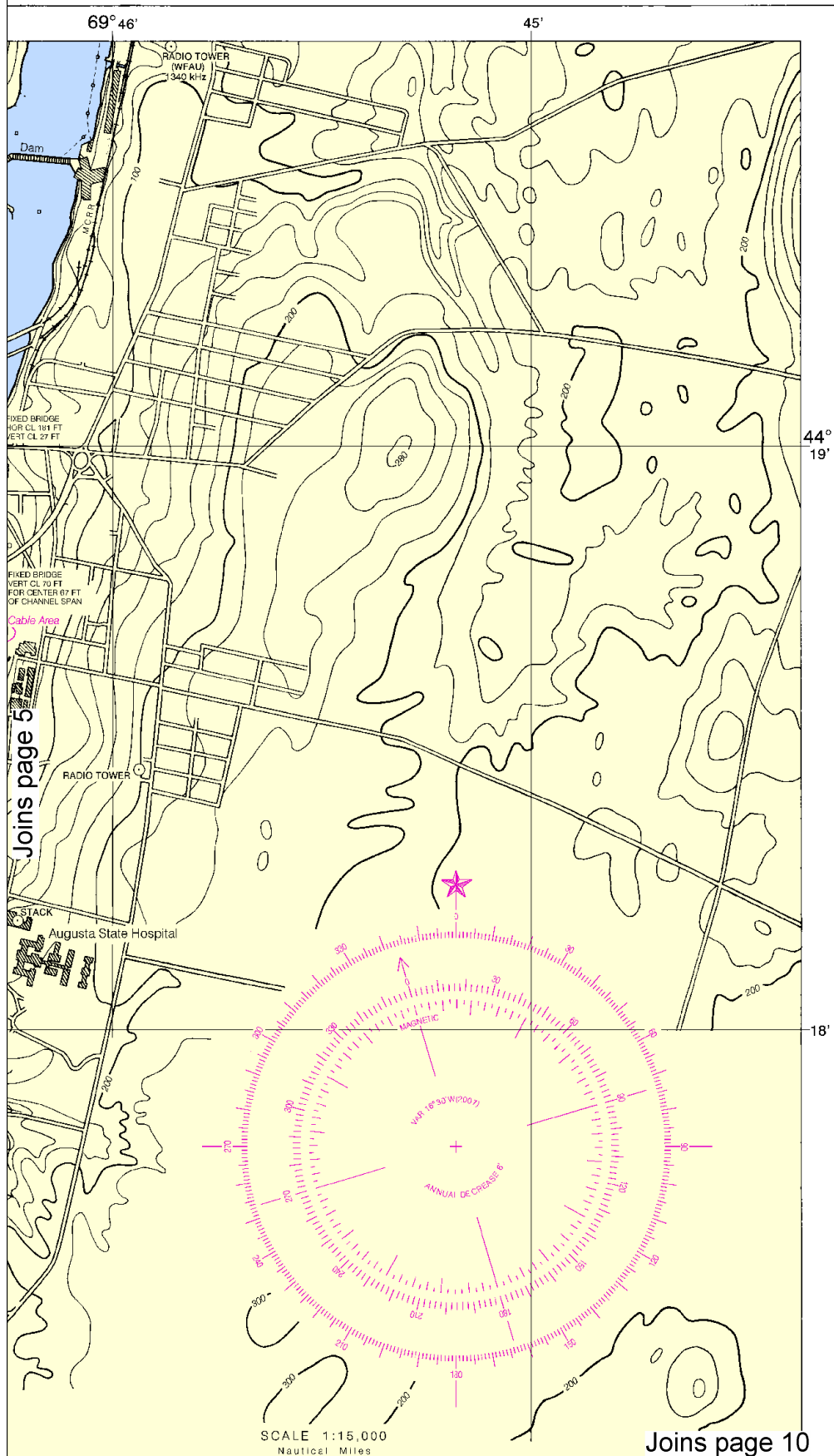


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The new scale is 1:20000. Barscales have also been reduced and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart.



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UNITED STATES

# KENNEBEC COURTHOUSE

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Scale 1:1

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Additional information c

NAME	PLACE
Gardiner	
Hallowell	
Augusta	

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Bld boulders	G gravel
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Heights in f

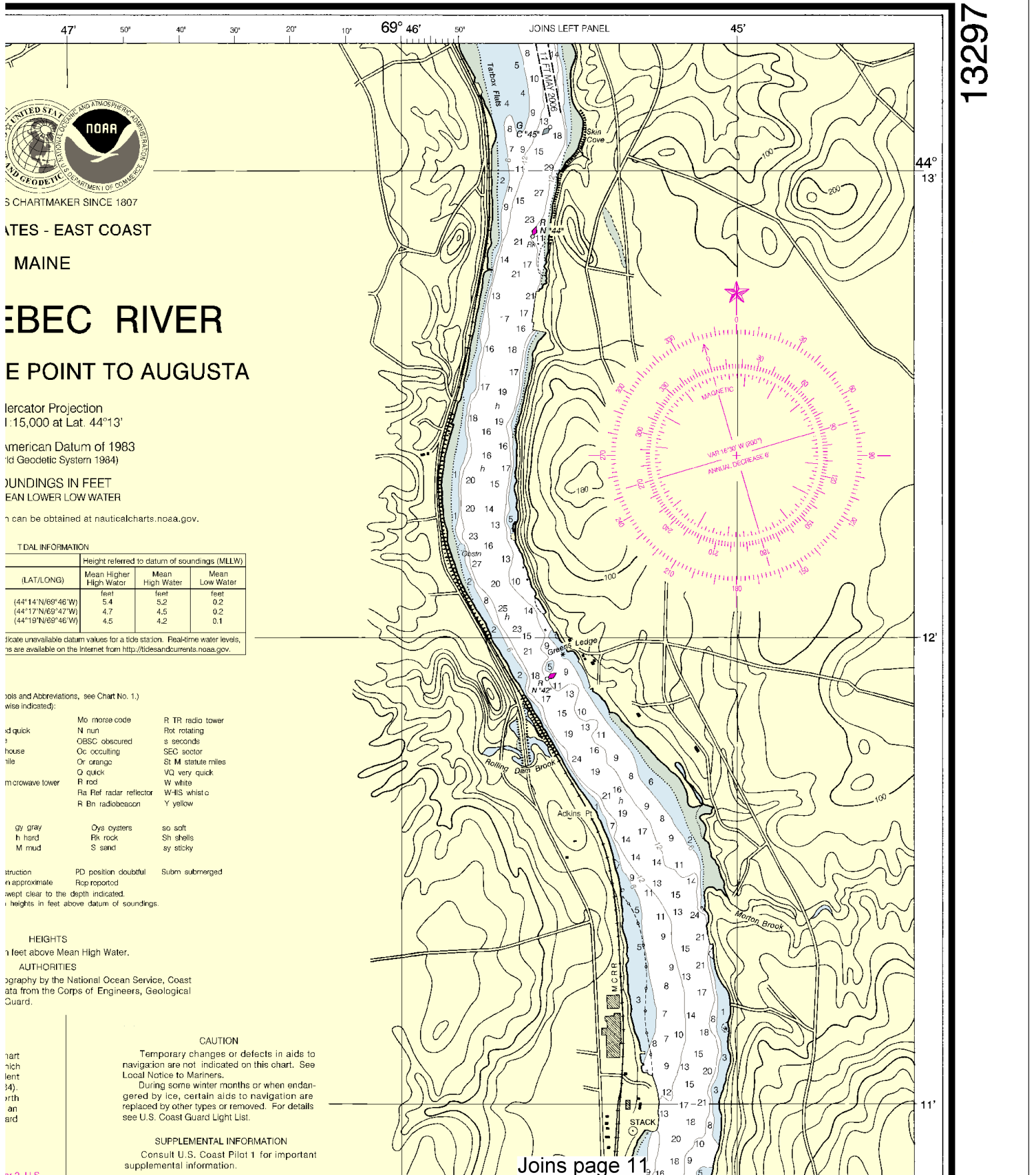
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# SOUNDINGS IN FEET



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SCALE 1:15,000  
Nautical Miles

Yards

LOGARITHMIC SPEED SCALE

To find SPEED, place one point of dividers on distance run (in any unit) and the other on minutes run. With right point on 60 and left point will then indicate speed in units per hour. Example: with 4.0 nautical miles run in 10 minutes, speed is 24 knots.

HALLOWELL

Shepard Pt

Perkins Hill

Hunts Hill

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North

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Nautical Miles

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Yards





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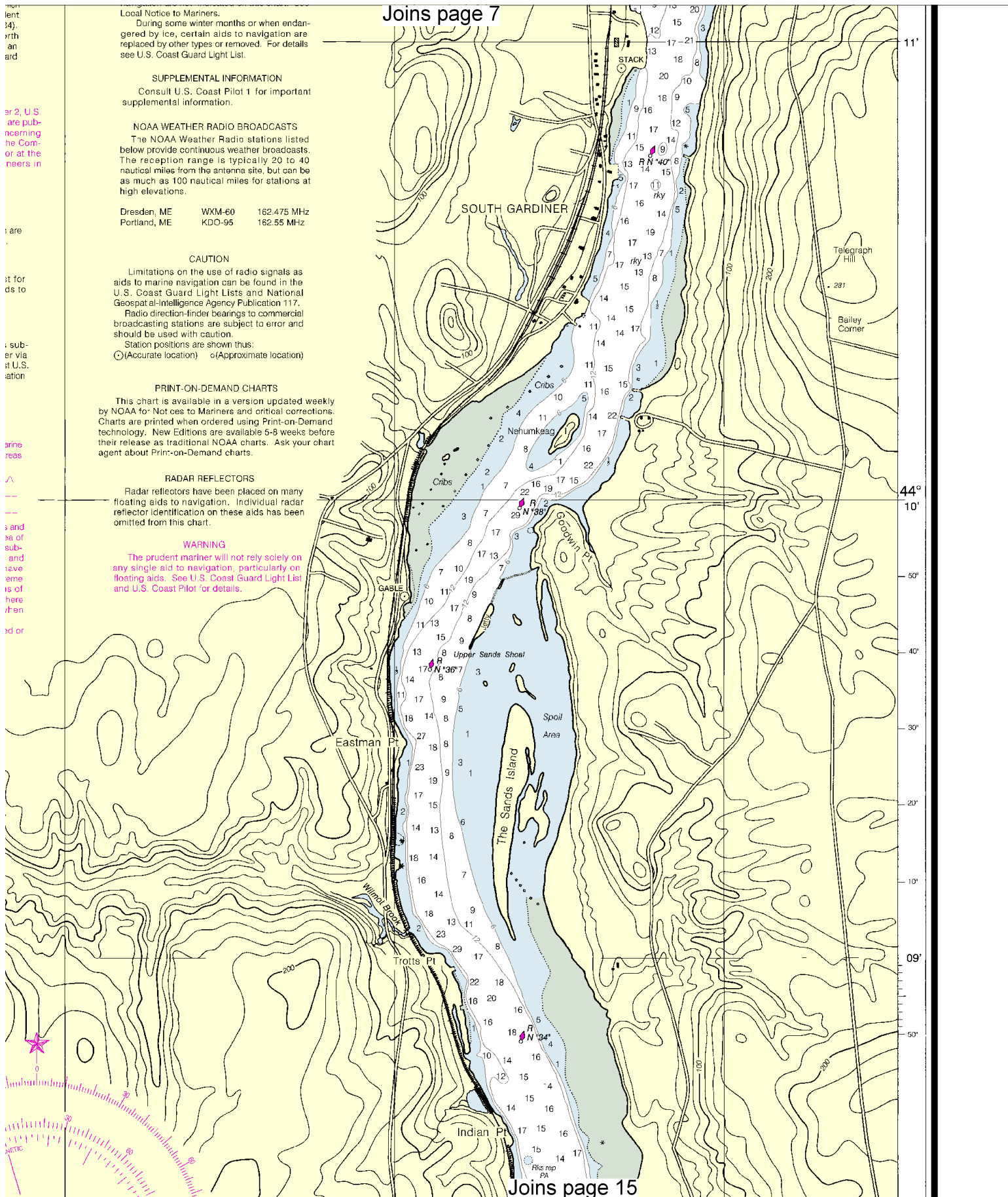
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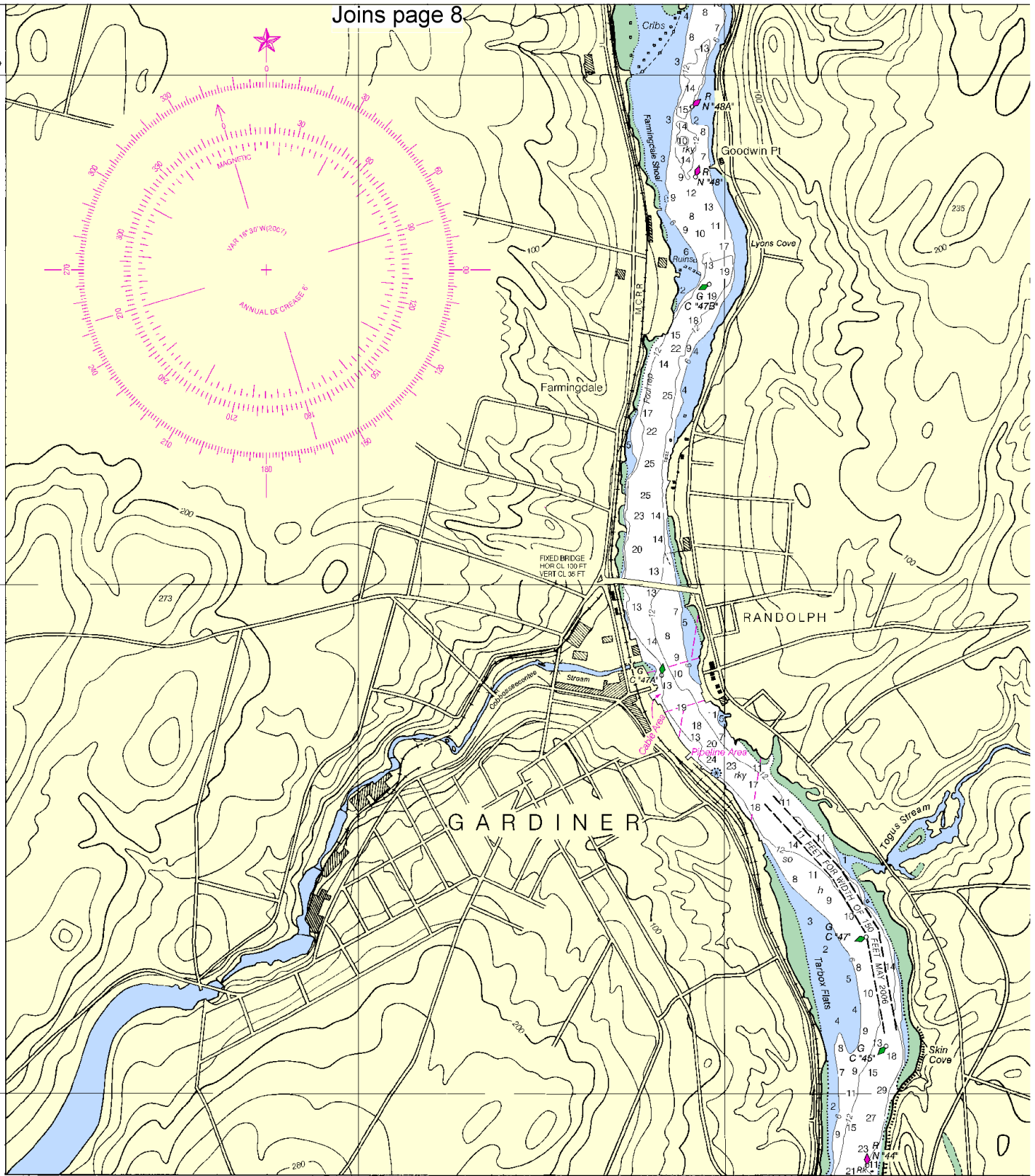
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JOINS RIGHT PANEL



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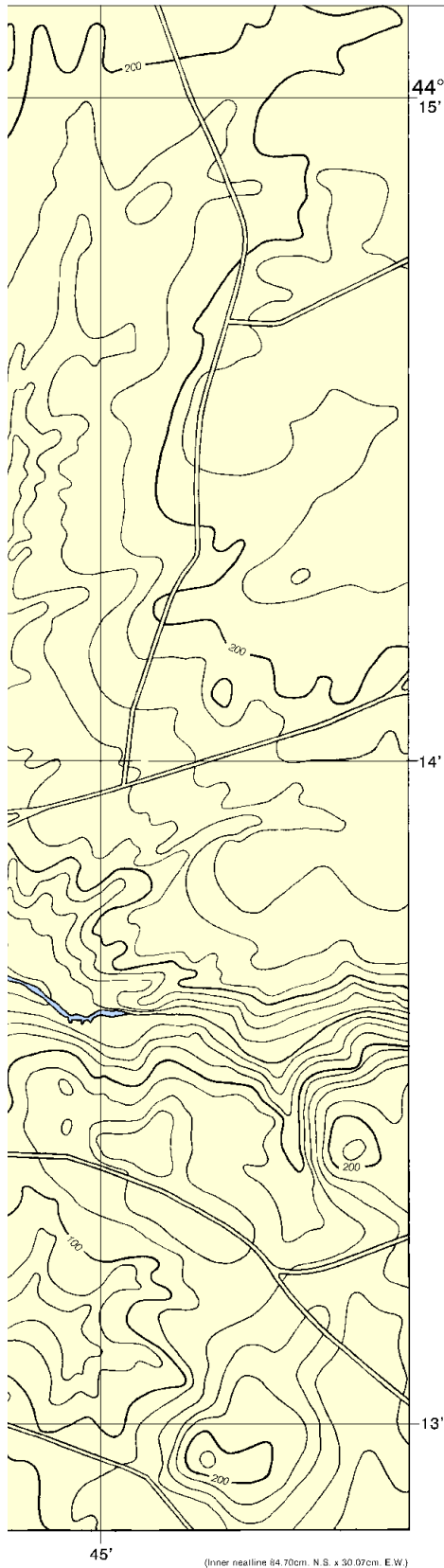


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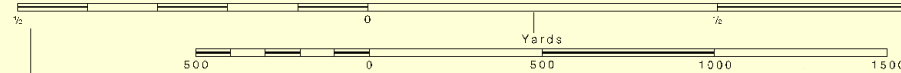
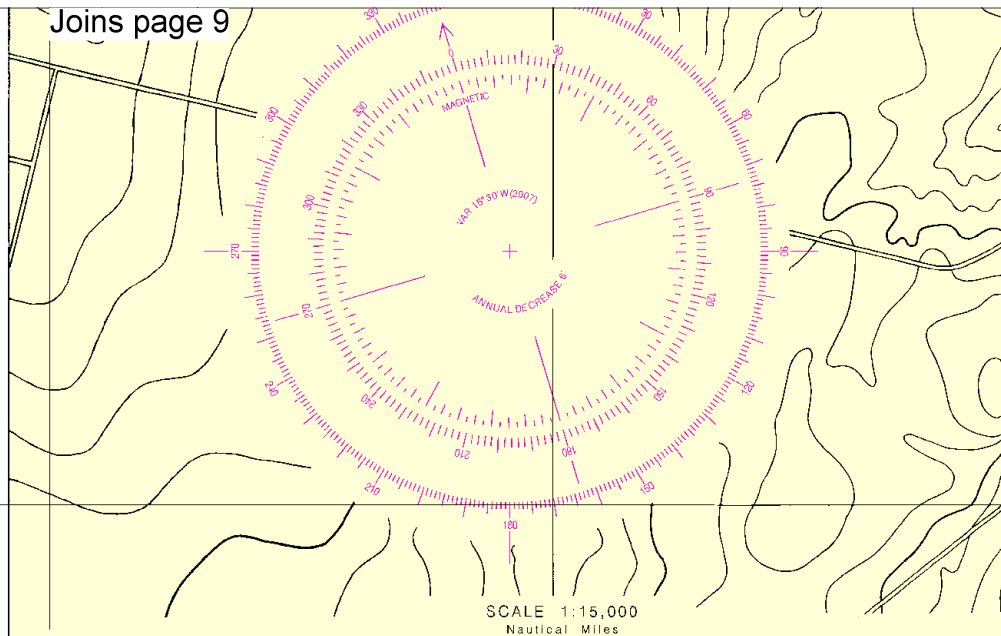
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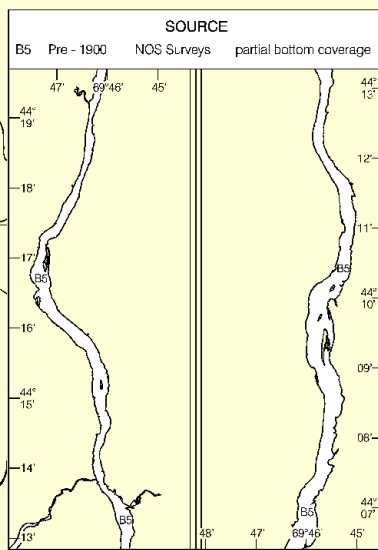


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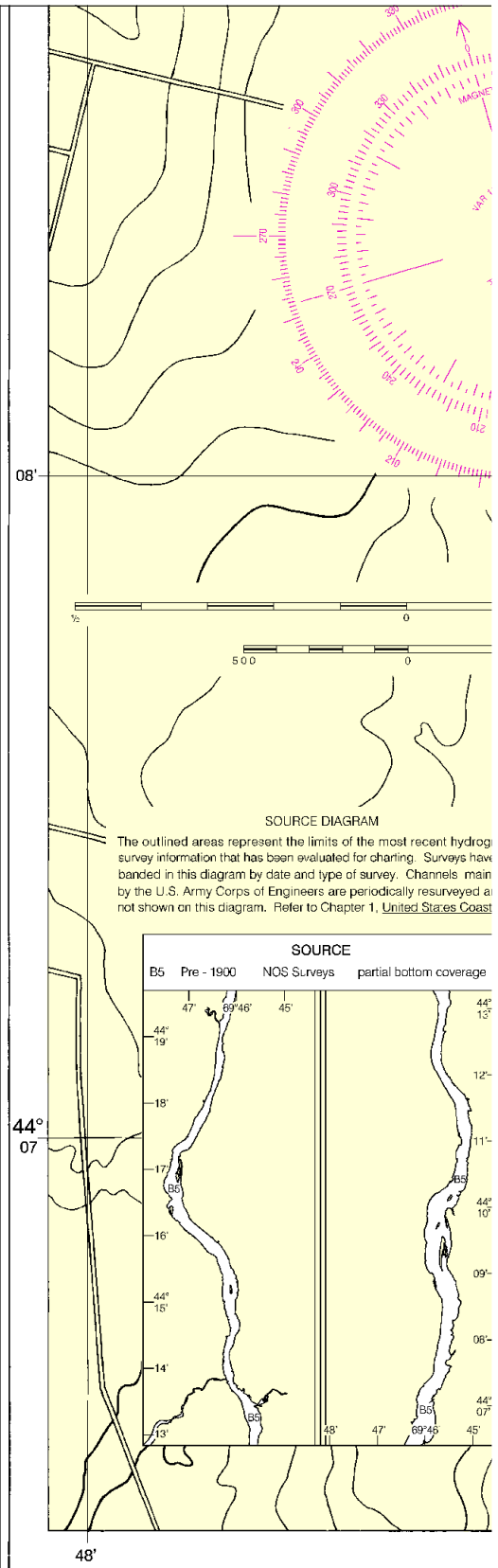
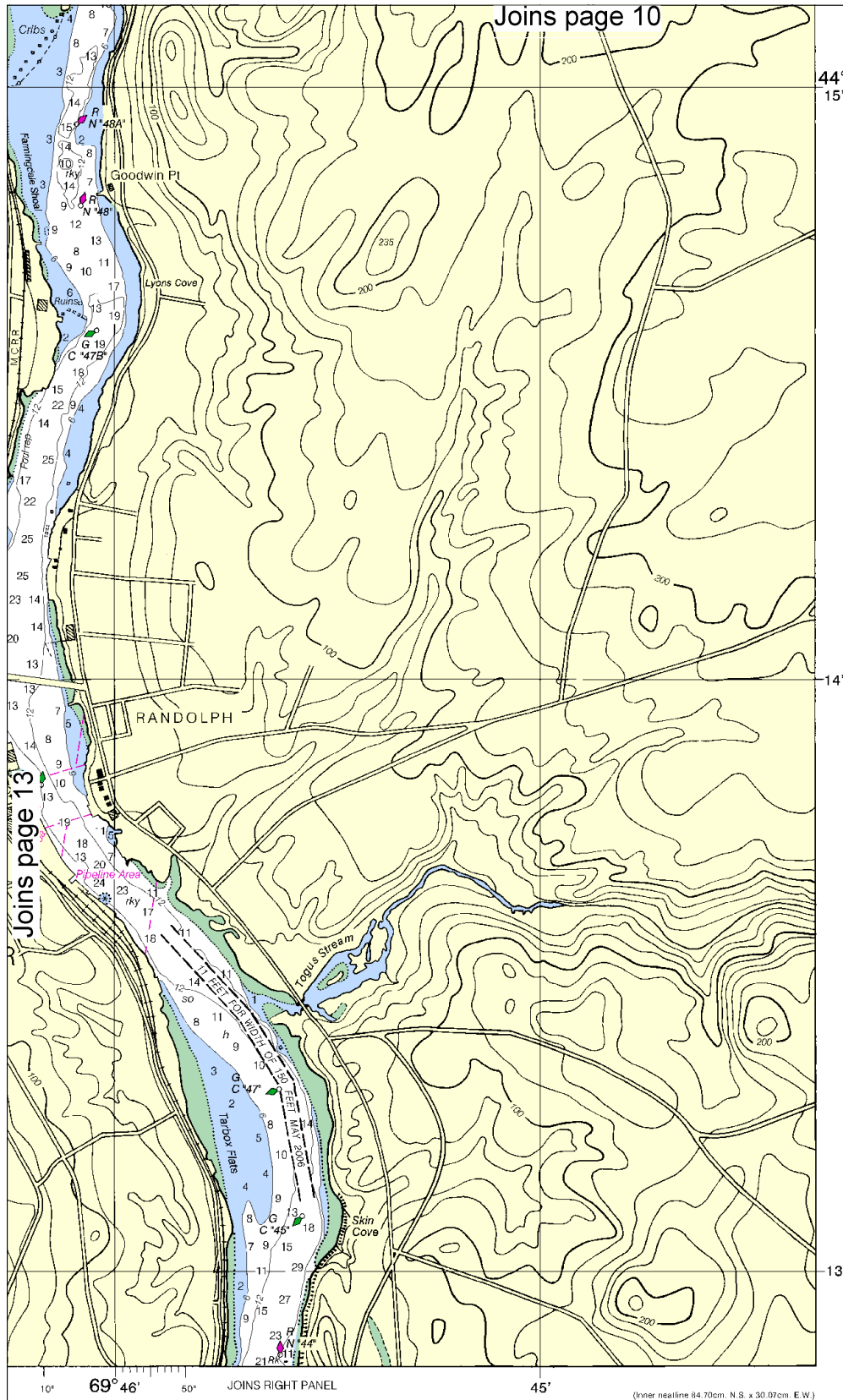
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METERS	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17

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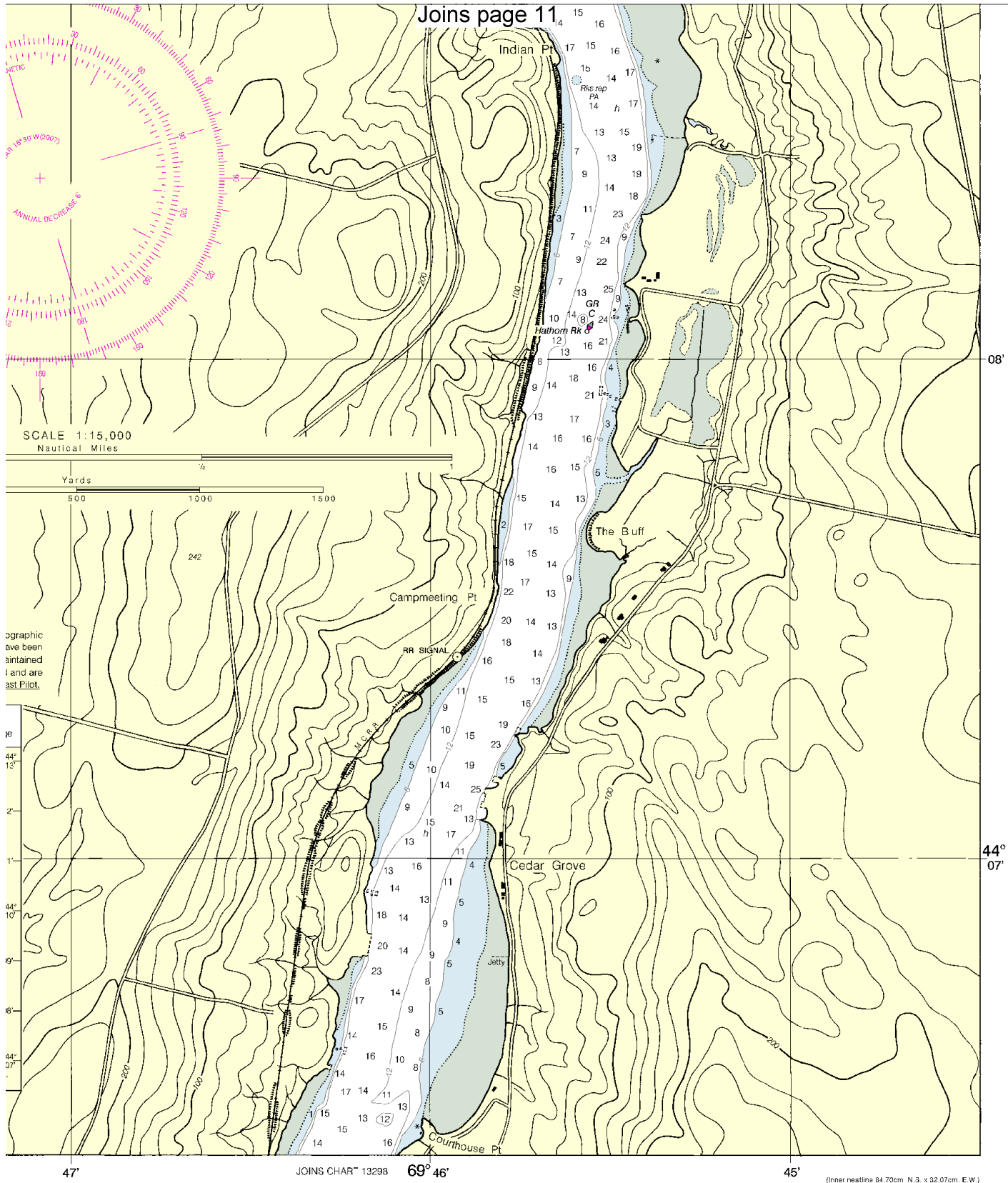
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34

Kennebec River, Courthouse Pt to Augusta  
SOUNDINGS IN FEET - SCALE 1:15,000

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## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

### VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**Channel 6** – Inter-ship safety communications.

**Channel 9** – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

**Channel 13** – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

**Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls** to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

**Channel 22A** – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here.

**Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 & 78A** – Recreational boat channels.

### Distress Call Procedures

1. Make sure radio is on.
2. Select Channel 16.
3. Press/Hold the transmit button.
4. Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
5. Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of Emergency; Number of People on Board.
6. Release transmit button.
7. Wait for 10 seconds – If no response Repeat MAYDAY Call.

### **HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS !!**

**Mobile Phones** – Call 911 for water rescue.

**Coast Guard Group Portland** – 207-767-0302

**Coast Guard Boothbay Harbor** – 207-633-2643

**Maine Marine Patrol** – 207-657-3030

**Coast Guard Atlantic Area Cmd** – 757-398-6390

**NOAA Weather Radio** – 162.400 MHz, 162.425 MHz, 162.450 MHz, 162.475 MHz, 162.500 MHz, 162.525 MHz, 162.550 MHz.

**Getting and Giving Help** – Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.



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**Official On-Line Chart Viewer** – All NOAA nautical charts are viewable here on-line using any Internet browser. Each chart is up-to-date with the most recent Notices to Mariners. Use these on-line charts as a ready reference or planning tool. The Internet address is [www.NauticalCharts.gov/viewer](http://www.NauticalCharts.gov/viewer).

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